- National Prophylaxis Programme to prevent blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency.
- National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme.
- Universal Immunization Programme.
- National Diarrhoea Control Programme.
- National Acute Respiratory Disease Control Programme.
- Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life.
- Targeted Public Distribution System.
- Nutrition Education Programmes of Food & Nutrition Board.
- Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts.

Right to education

484. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the Right to Education Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft of the Right to Education Bill was sent to the States for seeking their comments;

(d) if so, the nature of the opinion received from the States thereon;

(e) whether opinion of the State Governments have been incorporated in the Bill, which has been approved;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A draft of the legislation envisaged under Article 21A of the Constitution has been prepared on the basis of recommendations of a

CABE Committee set up for this purpose and circulated to State Government's for their views, as well as placed on the department's website for the information of the public.

(d) While all State Governments have not yet responded, suggestions have been received from some.

(e) to (g) Do not arise as, the Bill has not yet been finalized.

B.Ed. through correspondence courses

†485. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are not recognising the B.Ed. courses conducted through correspondence by the universities funded by the U.G.C.;

(b) the number of students who have passed the B.Ed. examination through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh and the number of those students selected in Uttar Pradesh in special B.T.C. who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994; and

(c) the reasons for not appointing the students who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University in the B.T.C. 2004 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the NCTE Act, 1993, all institutions including Universities conducting any teacher education course are required to seek recognition from NCTE and not the State Governments. NCTE has laid down norms and standards in respect of B.Ed. courses including those imparted through open and distance learning systems. B.Ed. programmes through open and distance learning can only be offered by an Open University or by Directorate of Distance/Correspondence Education of the Universities and is meant for in-service teachers only and not for freshers.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.